(1) whether the paper report that the police had most mercilessly handled the Satyagraha Volunteers have come to their notice;

(2) if so, what action have they taken to forbid such atrocities on the part of the preservers of peace?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) No action was taken as the report is entirely false.

Order to the Secretary, Y. M. C. A. Co-operative Society to hand over charge.

52. Mr. K T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies had sent any order in the last three years to the Secretary, Kunnamkulam Y. M. C. A. Co-operative Society to hand over charge to the Union Secretary; and if so,

(b) whether a copy of the said order be printed and placed on the table;

(c) What was the reason for passing such an order;

(d) whether the order was got executed;

(e) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has power to pass such an order; and if so,

(f) whether he has not got powers to get such an order executed; and if not, why did he pass such an order?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the order is appended. (*Appendix XI.*)

(c) The reason is given in the order itself.

(d) No.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes. But the order was not executed, because it was soon cancelled.

Distribution of Agriculture loans.

53. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the third measure referred to in the Proceedings of the Diwan of Cochin dated 28th November 1933—Order R 4–470/09.

(a) whether a fair and equitable distribution of the sum of Rs. Five Lakhs will be made among the Taluks;

(b) whether Talappalli Taluk will be given its due share of the aforesaid sum?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Have the Government framed rules about the distribution of the amount?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I have submitted a scheme for the consideration of the Government. The tentative proposal is to make a sufficient allotment according to the taxes collected in each taluk.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—May I know what amount has been recommended to the Chittur Taluk?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I have not got the exact figures. But I can supply it in the course of the day.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What is the aggregate amount of the applications? Is it more than five lakhs?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No.

Construction of a labour ward for the Kunnamkulam Hospital.

54. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform what steps have been taken to construct before the end of the current year a labour ward for Kunnamkulam Hospital for which amount is provided in the budget for 1933—34?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Estimate has been sanctioned and tenders have been invited.

Grants to Hostels.

55. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) the names of hostels to which grant is being given;

(b) the number of boarders in each hostel;

(c) the monthly grant given in each case;

(d) whether building grant is being given as grant in any case; and if so,

(e) the names of the hostels receiving building grant; and

(f) the amount that is being monthly given in each case as building grant?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) to (f) A statement containing the information is appended. (*Appendix XII.*)

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and prevention of Juvenile Smoking Regulations—enforcement of.

56. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of prosecutions made annually in the last five years under (i) the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulation and (ii) the Prevention of Juvenile Smoking Regulation; and

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